Hawley Borough Council Meeting

August 11 2021 7pm

94 Main Avenue

Present from Council were President Monaghan, Vice President Herzog, and Councilpersons Bartleson, Dougherty, Faubel, and Rojas. Councilperson Ferrara was absent due to illness. Also present were Police Chief Drake, Director of Public Works Mead, Mayor Hawk, Solicitor Bernathy, and Secretary Racht. Present from the public were Peter Becker of Tri County Independent, Jim Dougherty, Bob Myers, John Robertson , Dennis Stinson, Tony Waldron, Matthew Smith, and Kristin Krauss.

President Monaghan began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to go into an executive session regarding personnel matters. Council came back into the regular meeting at 7:28pm.

Correspondence: Annette forwarded about Settler’s.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer’s report.

Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed with five yes and one abstention from Councilperson Faubel who abstained because he was absent last month, to accept the minutes as amended that Lake Region be next available not nearest available.

Motion: made by Councilperson Faubel, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to accept the bills list as amended with the George Ely bench invoice removed from the Park bills because NAPA is responsible for the bill as their truck hit the bench.

Planning: Councilperson Rojas gave the report, on file. Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, to approve a conditional use hearing for Hoffman’s request to build a two family dwelling at the corner of Fern and Rowe. Motion: amended by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to set the conditional use at 5:30pm on September 8.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed with five yes and one abstention by Councilperson Dougherty who was unable to see the plans, to approve joining lot combination joining lot one and two at Settler’s Inn.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously that the complaint regarding 219 River Street being used commercially be referred to zoning.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously for zoning to supply Council an updated fine schedule.

Ambulance: Vice President Herzog said there had been 24 calls in the Borough, report on file.

Fire: Chief Mead gave the report, on file. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Faubel, and passed unanimously to take over administrating the LSA Grant for the Hawley Fire Department.

Zoning: report on file. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to appoint Tim Tyre and Matthew Smith to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Code Enforcement: emailed, on file.

Park and Rec: Councilperson Dougherty reported that there had not been a quorum.

911 Memorial: President Monaghan said that this would take place at 10am at Bingham Park.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to accept withgratitude theAmericanLegion’s offer to repair the pillar at the entrance to the park with the work being similar to the original.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to authorize Ann and Michele to sign the County Block Grant.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Vice President Herzog, and passed unanimously to authorize the payment of $3,650.00 to Koberlein for the levee inspection and to follow grant guidelines.

Emergency Management: Mayor Hawk will be going to County meeting.

Mayor: Mayor Hawk performed eight weddings.

Solicitor: Landlord letters are going out. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously for an executive session at 6pm on September 8 for personnel. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to schedule a hearing at 5pm for September 8 for inter municipal transfer of a liquor license as requested by Jay Meladi Maa, LLC for 120 Main Avenue.

Changes in the Sunshine Law were discussed and President Monaghan requested that all reports be received by the Sunday before the Council meeting.

Finance: Made by Councilperson Faubel, seconded by Councilperson Rojas, and passed unanimously to make a financial commitment to the inter-municipal emergency services. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to execute the agreement with the County for The American Rescue Plan.

Police: Vice President Herzog said they were on track for the budget.

Chief’s Report: Chief Drake thanked all who helped with National Night Out, report on file.

Streets: Director Mead gave the report.

Health and Welfare: Vice President Herzog mentioned the American Legion would have a coin drop August 27-29. Councilperson Dougherty noted that some sidewalk tents were not compliant on the Last Saturday events.

Kristin Krauss petitioned Council for Lake Region EMS to be designated as primary BLS.

Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas, seconded by Councilperson Bartleson, and passed unanimously to adjourn. The time was 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Racht, Hawley Borough Secretary